



REFERRAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY BY CITY COUNCIL

Military Trail Road Reconstruction

Date:	June 23, 2023
To:	Infrastructure and Environment Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	Ward: 24

City Council Decision

City Council on June 14 and 15, 2023, referred Administrative Inquiry IA7.1 from Councillor Paul Ainslie, Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood, regarding the Military Trail Road Reconstruction and Answer IA7.1a from the City Manager to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for consideration.

Summary

Councillor Paul Ainslie has submitted the following Administrative Inquiry:

I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry under Municipal Code S27-7.11 to seek information regarding road construction delays on Military Trail, in my Ward, which may be an example of systematic issues for road repairs.

I am writing to seek information and clarification in particular with regards to oversight by Transportation Services staff, and to express my concerns on behalf of my community regarding the prolonged closure and inconvenience caused by ongoing delays.

Military Trail was closed to traffic in both directions between Ellesmere Road, and Highcastle Road on September 1, 2021, for necessary road reconstruction. The initial completion date was set for Spring/Summer 2022, which was never met. The road has remained closed, causing significant disruption to both vehicular and pedestrian travel in the area.

The most recent construction update notice to residents, dated December 19, 2022, indicated the road would not reopen in the Summer of 2023, as rescheduled due to deficiencies. However, it has come to my attention the work required to address these deficiencies has yet to take place.

Considering these circumstances, I respectfully request the following information:

1. Provide a detailed explanation as to why the originally planned completion date in 2022 was not met.
2. Outline the reasons why the construction completion for Summer 2023 is now threatened.
3. Provide an explanation of the deficiencies which have been identified, necessitating the continued closure of the road and brand-new installed pedestrian sidewalks for public use.
4. Inform when these deficiencies were first noticed, and what measures have been taken to address them.
5. Outline, the oversight measures which were in place during the project and explain how the work was allowed to proceed despite remediated known deficiencies.
6. Clearly advise on the future course of action for the road/sidewalk reconstruction to ensure it can be opened for public use as soon as possible.
7. Provide details regarding any efforts being made to expedite the remaining work required to complete the road and open it for public use.
8. A commitment regarding the expected timeline for safely opening the road to the public by the summer of 2023.

The community, along with myself, has experienced considerable inconvenience due to the extended closure of Military Trail, for almost two years. Residents have had to rely on alternative routes through local roads, which has caused congestion and additional travel time.

I kindly request your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to receiving a detailed response which addresses the concerns I have raised. The community deserves transparency and a clear plan for the timely completion of this important infrastructure project in Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood.

Background Information

(May 31, 2023) Administrative Inquiry from Councillor Paul Ainslie, Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood on Military Trail Road Reconstruction (IA7.1)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ia/bgrd/backgroundfile-236886.pdf>)

(June 12, 2023) Answer from the City Manager Regarding Military Trail Road Reconstruction (IA7.1a)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ia/bgrd/backgroundfile-237381.pdf>)